GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF TEA GARDENS .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) The number of tea gardens lying closed/abandoned by the management alongwith the number of workers rendered jobless as a result thereof, State-wise;

(b)Whether the Government has chalked out a plan to reopen such gardens by utilizing the Rs. 100 crore package announced for the plantation sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) : As per available information, 39 tea gardens are presently lying closed of which 20 are in Kerala, 17 in West Bengal and 2 in Assam. The approximate number of workers affected are 31,110 of which 10,050 are in Kerala, 18,960 in West Bengal and 2,100 in Assam.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.